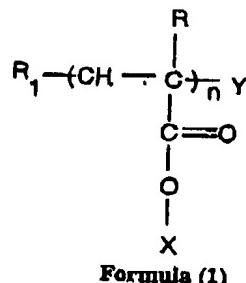


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Claims:

1. Functional polyvalent oligomer having formula (1)'

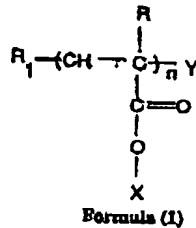
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wherein R is H, CH₃, C₂H₅, R₁ is H, NH₂, OH, COOH, X is N-Acetyl Glucosamine, mannose, galactose and sialic acid, fructose, ribulose, erythrolose, xylulose, psicose, sorbose, tagatose, glucopyranose, fructofuranose, deoxyribose, galactosamine, sucrose, lactose, isomaltose, maltose, cellobiose, cellulose and amylose, Y is H, COOH, OH or NH₂, and n is from 3 to 50

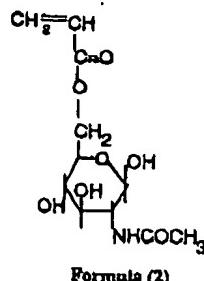
10 2. A process for the preparation of the functional polyvalent oligomer of the
15 Formula (1)

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wherein R is H, CH₃, C₂H₅, R₁ is H, NH₂, OH, COOH, X is N-Acetyl Glucosamine, mannose, galactose and sialic acid, fructose, ribulose, erythrolose, xylulose, psicose, sorbose, tagatose, glucopyranose, fructofuranose, deoxyribose, galactosamine, sucrose, lactose, isomaltose, maltose, cellobiose, cellulose and amylose, Y is H, COOH, OH or NH₂, and n is from 3 to 50; which comprises dissolving a monomeric NAG in a solvent and adding a chain terminating agent to obtain different molecular weights, adding an initiator and accelerator to the solution, allowing the reaction for a period of 24 hrs to 48 hrs, bringing the temperature of the reaction mixture to 50 to 60° C, precipitating the product using a non solvent, vacuum drying the product for 48 hrs, to obtain said functional polyvalent oligomer.

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3. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the monomer used is NAG, is Acryloyl NAG or Methacryloyl NAG.
4. A process as claimed in claim 3 wherein said monomer is Acryloyl NAG having the Formula 2



- 5 5. A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein said chain transfer agent is a mercapto ethanol having the Formula 3:



Formula 3

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6. A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the solvent used to dissolve the monomeric ligand is selected from water, methanol, ethanol, dimethyl formamide, tetra hydro furon or dimethyl sulfoxide.

15 7. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chain transfer agent is selected from Mercapto Ethanol, Mercapto Propionic Acid, Mercapto Amine, Mercapto Propanol

8. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein said initiator is selected from ammonium per sulphate(APS), potassium per sulphate(KPS), or azo bis iso butyro nitrile(AffIN), 4,4 azobis (4-cyanopentanol), 4,4 azobis (4-cyanovaleric acid),or 3,3 azobis (3-cyanovaleric acid).

9. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein said accelerator is selected from *N,N'*, *N"* tetramethyl ethylene diamine (TEMED).

10. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate ligand is selected NAG, sialic acid, mannose or galactose.

25 11. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein said non solvent is selected from acetone, diethyl ether or hexane.

12. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the molecular weight of said oligomer is in range from 400 Daltons to 4000 Daltons.

30 13. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of chain terminating agent to monomer NAG for the synthesis of functional polymer is in the range of from 0.5:25 to 1: 0.5, preferably 1 to 25 to 1: 20.